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She Managed, However, to Keep the Knowledge of the Affair from Her Parents and Instructors—The Romance of Pretty Carlotta Price.



A MOST unusual story of clandestine marriage, involving a prominent young woman student of the Northwestern University and a bright young lawyer of Ohio, has just come out. The young woman, who, as Miss Carlotta K. Price, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, was president of the junior class of Northwestern University during the past year, president of the Woman's club of that institution, and prominent in many other ways, has been the wife of Thomas M. Shea for two years. She completed the college year at Evanston recently and left with many other students ostensibly for her home at Bellefontaine. But she joined her husband in Chicago, and they have since been living in a private boarding-house on the north side. She wrote home and informed her parents for the first time of her marriage. In answer came a telegram urging the happy couple to go on to Ohio.

Mrs. Shea is the daughter of Judge Price of the common pleas court at Bellefontaine. Her father is prominent in Ohio politics, and the family is one of the oldest and best known in that section. Miss Etta K. Price, national secretary of the Young Women's Christian association is a sister of Mrs.



MRS. THOMAS M. SHEA.
Shea. Miss Carlotta Price went to Northwestern five years ago and entered the academy, from which she was graduated in two years. In the fall of '93 she entered the College of Liberal Arts as a freshman.

In college Miss Price was one of the brightest and most capable of the young women. She was a leader in all enterprises of the women, even in her freshman year.

At her home in Bellefontaine, Ohio, she had known Thomas M. Shea from childhood, and they had always been together. They had wished to marry, but her parents desired to have her graduated from college, and her father had even wanted her to study medicine. Mr. Shea's family is a prominent one and he had every advantage. He was admitted to the bar by the supreme court in Columbus, Ohio, and practiced for five years in Bellefontaine. He took a leading part in politics, and has been a republican delegate to county and state conventions. For two years he was city attorney of Bellefontaine. Since the first of last January he has been practicing law in Chicago. During the five years Miss Price was in Evanston Mr. Shea made monthly trips there to call on her. On Oct. 11, 1894, they were secretly married in Chicago. This was at the beginning of her sophomore year, and the wife returned to her studies still retaining her maiden name. She spent the ensuing summer vacation at her home, where her husband was then practicing law, but no one learned their secret. Upon her return to college last fall she was elected president of the junior class, and is the fourth woman in the history of the institution to hold that honor. She was also chosen president of the University Woman's club. She was a leading spirit in the publication of the recent woman's edition of the college paper. In tennis she is an expert. In the intercollegiate match between Northwestern and the University of Chicago Miss Price, or rather Mrs. Shea handily defeated Miss Harriet Rew, who is the woman's champion of the Kenwood Country club.

Deaf Mute Mix-Up.

Miss Annie Berliner is suing Jacob Scharlin in the supreme court of Kings county, N. Y., to recover \$50,000 for breach of promise of marriage. The circumstances surrounding the case are peculiar, inasmuch as both parties to the suit are deaf mutes and the courtship was conducted in the sign language. Not only that, but the young people were brought together by a deaf and dumb skatzen, or matrimonial agent. The cause assigned for the rupture is that the young lady accepted the attention of other men than her intended at a deaf mute ball.

More Legs Than Are Needed.

Four-legged chickens are reported by Frank Chopin, of Akron, Ohio; William Getty, Jr., Norristown, Pa.; August Raetig of Oxford, Ohio. George Phelps of Milton, Vt., has only a three-legged chick, but Vermont is a dry state.

A Fake Niagara Falls Story.

A story of an unknown man who went over Niagara Falls while endeavoring to save his hat, which was blown off, turns out to be a fake, worked by an insurance swindler.

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